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House Representative Shane Hernandez
Michigan House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee Chair

Dear Representative Hernandez and Members of the Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I am writing to you today in support of Senate Bill 595. Once passed by the full House and signed by Governor Whitmer, this bill will allow for Garfield Township to partner with other local units of government and community partners to establish a process to plan and design multi-use, non-motorized recreation trails on this important 100 acre parcel behind the Grand Traverse Commons.

This property is well loved by the community and already serves as a destination for hikers and runners seeking a getaway to nature that is close to town and yet offers stunning views of Grand Traverse Bay, cedar stands, coldwater creeks, wetlands and wooded hillsides representative of this areas glaciated landscape.

Passage of this bill would allow for improvements on this property and just as importantly supports the Garfield Township Master Plan, the Five Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan, and the Strategic Plan.

On behalf of TART Trails, thank you for your consideration of our support as we truly see this as another worthy addition to the miles of trails that make Michigan, the Trails State.

Sincerely,

Julie Clark
Executive Director